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HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of
Hornsea.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1944. The report is prepared on the lines adopted for the preceding war years.

The birth and death rates for the district are above that of the country as a whole, the former especially reaching the unprecedented high figure of 21 births per 1000 of the civilian population. The high birth rate is undoubtedly due partly to the large number of service wives temporarily resident in the district.

The incidence of notifiable infectious disease was low throughout the year. There were no epidemics and the few cases of measles and whooping cough occurred during the first half of the year. For the second year in succession no case of diphtheria was notified.

Rainfall.

The rainfall during the year was above the average -

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30.82 inches. September was a month of torrential rain 6.03 inches being recorded, the figure for the 3rd quarter being 11.85, in contrast the rainfall in May was comparatively low - 0.47 inches.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area - 3437.73 acres inclusive of inland water.

Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General mid 1944 - 4467.

Number of inhabited houses - 1613.

Rateable value £32850.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £129.15.2.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births	94	47	47
Legitimate		42	45
Illegitimate		5	2
Still Births	4	0	4

Birth Rate per 1000 estimated population - 21.0.

Birth Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births - 21.9.

Birth Rate for England and Wales per 1000 civilian population - 17.6.

Deaths.

<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
70	32	38

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Death Rate per 1000 estimated population - 15.7

Death Rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population - 11.6.

Deaths from puerperal sepsis - 0

Deaths from other puerperal causes - 0.

Deaths from cancer - 9

Deaths from measles - 0

Deaths from whooping cough - 0

Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years) - 0

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age - 1

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

No changes in the Health Services have been made during the year. An account of the existing services is given in my Annual Report for 1937.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water

Quantity registered by meter during the year - 59,193,000 gallons

Minimum weekly consumption - 1,020,000 gallons.

Average daily consumption - 162,173 gallons.

No new services have been connected during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage.

The drainage system has functioned efficiently throughout the year.

Public Cleansing.

House refuse has been collected at regular intervals of ten days, all material being disposed of by incineration. Arrangements for the collection of all waste material of use in the war effort have operated efficiently. A special salvage drive was held in May and a Book Drive for the Forces in October.

Nuisances. Four sanitary notices were served during the year. The nuisances were abated without recourse to legal proceedings.

Camping Sites. The five licensed camping sites have now resumed their normal activities, many moveable dwellings having been erected on the two sites on the cliffs. These have been inspected regularly and found to be well conducted.

Housing. Four notices to remedy housing defects were complied with without recourse to legal proceedings.

Food Inspection and Supervision. Three food inspections were made and in all cases articles of food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1944.

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	5	3	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	3	2	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
(a) Measles	7	8	0
(b) Whooping Cough	1		0

Analysis under Age Groups.

Age Group - Years	Scarlet Fever
2 -	1
10 - 14	1
15 - 19	2
45 - 64	1

For the second year in succession the district has been free from diphtheria. Immunisation of children under 5 years of age is performed free of charge under the County Council's general

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practitioner scheme. During the year 38 children have been immunised all being of pre-school age.

Cases of scabies have not been prevalent this year and it has not been necessary to have recourse to the powers available under the Scabies Order, 1941.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1944.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
15 - 24	3	1	—	—	2	1	—	—
25 - 34	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 - 44	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—

Of the six new cases placed on the register during the year two came to notice otherwise than by formal notification. There is no evidence of tuberculosis in any particular occupation in the area.

Yours obedient Servant,

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